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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN SUPPORT FOR US POSITION ON ISRAELI

SUSPENSION ISSUE

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1. ON JULY 29, EMBOFF REVIEWED US LEGAL POSITION ON ISRAELI
SUSPENSION ISSUE (REF) WITH GONZALO SANCHEZ, CHIEF OF
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPT, VENEZUELAN FOREIGN
MINISTRY. SANCHEZ STATED THAT VENEZUELA AGREED WITH US LEGAL
POSITION AND WOULD NOT BE A PARTY TO ANY EFFORT TO SUSPEND OR
EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM THE UNGA. HE SUSPECTED THAT "AFRICAN GROUP"
AT FORTHCOMING LIMA CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WOULD
TRY TO GAIN VENEZUELA'S SUPPORT FOR ISRAELI SUSPENSION, BUT
SANCHEZ PREDICTED THAT VENEZUELA WOULD NOT CHANGE ITS NEGATIVE
ATTITUDE TOWARDS SUCH PARLIAMENTARY TACTICS AGAINST ISRAEL.

2 PRESUMABLY THE GOV WILL SEND AN OBSERVER TO THE LIMA MEETING,
AS IT HAS TO SUCH GATHERINGS IN THE PAST. HOWEVER, THE ISRAELI
AMBASSADOR, VICTOR ELIACHAR, TOLD OUR AMBASSADOR THAT THE
POSSIBILITY OF VENEZUELA'S ACCEPTING FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT BEFORE OR DURING THE LIMA MEETING IS
NOT YET FORECLOSED. THE GOV HAS BEEN UNDER PRESSURE, PRE-
SUMABLY FROM SOME OF ITS OPEC PARTNERS, TO TAKE THAT STEP,
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ACCORDING TO THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR. HE ADDED THT

LEONARDO DIAZ GONZALEZ, DIRECTOR OF INTERANTIONAL POLICY
IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (SHOSE UNHELPFUL ATTITUDE
ON THE PUERTO RICO ISSUE IN THE UN THE DEPT WILL RECALL),
IS A LEADING PROPONENT OF FULL MEMBERSHIP.

3. AMBASSADOR ELIACHAR ALSO SAID THAT HIS GOVT REGARDS
THE LIMA MEETING AS CRUCIAL, BELIEVING THAT A RESOLUTION
ADOPTED THEREON THE SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL WOULD INEVITABLY BE
TRANSLATED INTO ACTION BY THE AUTMOATIC MAJORITY" IN NEW YORK.
HE DOUBTED THAT THE GOV WULD BE OF MUCH HELP, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE
DECISION OF NON-ALIGNED MEMBERSHIP. IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE
GOV IS MORE CONCERNED THAN EVER ABOUT RELATIONS WITH THE OPEC
COUNTRIES NOW THAT PETROLEUM NATIONALIZATION IS IMMINENT. HE
SAID THE THEORY HERE IS THAT THE GOV FEARS "RETALIATION" FROM
THE BIG OIL COMPANIES AND WILL NEED SUPPORT FROM ITS PRODUCER
PARTNERS.

4. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT THE GOV WOULD BE "A PARTY" TO A
SUSPENSION EFFORT, BUT AGREE THAT SUCH A POSITION WOULD BE OF
LITTLE HELP IF ACCOMPANIED BY A PASSIVE ATTITUDE. WE WILL TAKE
SOME FURTHER SOUNDINGS AT A HIGHER LEVEL.

5. ELIACHAR'S STATEMENT ABOUT POSSIBLE NON-ALIGNED MEMBERSHIP
WAS NEWS TO US. AGAIN, WE WILL CHECK.
SHLAUDEMAN

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